BOMBAY COURIER

EXTRAORDINARY.

MONDAY, 23d JUNE, 1823.

WE have the pleasure of announcing the arrival of the Honorable Company's Ship Scaleby Castle, Captain Newall from Portsmouth the 15th March.

PASSENGERS.

Captain and Mrs. Farquharson,
Captain and Mrs. Gibson and Child,
Captain Joseph Brown,
Captain Sealy, H. C. Marine,
Mrs. Captain Smith,
Miss Hornby,
Miss Richardson,
Messrs. Cruickshank, and Bewater, *Cadets.*

War between France and Spain had not been declared when the Scaleby Castle sailed. Some of the French papers speak with confidence of the ability of the Royalists in Spain to overthrow the power of the Constitutionalists without Foreign assistance. The Duke d'Angouleme was to set off for the Army on the 15th March. The following extract from the Times of 13th of March indicates great indecision on the part of the French Government.

" In the absence of any decisive intelligence on the question of peace or war, we must be content with giving the opinions of those who have at least the means of information. A French Ultra of high rank, and in the service of the Royal Family, wrote to a British Nobleman to the following effect:—" Be assured we cannot go to war; it is impossible; " public opinion is every where against us.

In corroboration of this remark, we can state that a despatch has been received from Sir Charles Stewart, from which Mr. Canning has drawn the inference, " that the counsels of the French Government are of a " *suspensive* nature."

Naval preparations were still going on in England as appears from the following paragraph.

" Portsmouth, March 11.—This morning orders were received here for the immediate equipment of the *Queen Charlotte*, 120 guns; *Ramillies*, 74 guns; and the *Albion* 74 guns, the three guard ships. For a considerable time past these ships have had masts of inferior rates on board, without any sails; they are now to receive their proper masts, with bent sails, &c., and a complement of 300 men each; their present number of men is little better than 100."

26th February. Lord Portsmouth declared, by an unanimous verdict of the Jury, to be of unsound mind and incapable of managing himself and his affairs, and that he had been in that state since the 1st January 1809.

March 3d. Mr. Whitemore presented a petition to the house of Commons, from the East India Merchants &c. praying for an equalization of the duties, and a just classification of the East and West India Sugars. —Laid on the table.

The Asia, Pope, for Bombay left England on the 9th March.

The Euphrates (free trader) sailed on the 6th and put back into the Downs on the 7th March.—She must have sailed ultimately about the same time with the Scaleby Castle.

The celebrated English Tragedian John Kemble died at Lausanne on the 26th February.

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